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Document No.: 6-139749, published May 20, 1994

Country: Japan

Copy of reference: attached

Language: non-English

English translation: not attached because it is not readily available

Concise Explanation of Pertinency: In the invention disclosed in this reference, the temperature sensor measures the temperature of the motor, and when the temperature is at or less than a predetermined value, the heater heats up the motor. The invention disclosed in this reference does not have the function of conveying information regarding whether activation is possible or not and the length of time up to the time of activation, which are determined based on the value measured with the sensor, to the host.

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Foreign Patent Documents

Document No.: 3127121, published December 17, 1996

Country: Japan

Copy of reference: attached

Language: non-English

English translation: not attached because it is not readily available

Concise Explanation of Pertinency: The temperature of the SPM (spindle motor) is measured and the HDD is divided into a part that operates and a part that does not operate. The proposal set forth in this reference differs in objective from the proposal set forth in the present application. In both the invention disclosed in this reference and the present invention, the temperature of the SPM is measured.

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Foreign Patent Documents

Document No.: 5-71915, published September 28, 1993

Country: Japan

Copy of reference: attached

Language: non-English

English translation: not attached because it is not readily available

Concise Explanation of Pertinency: The temperature inside the personal computer is measured using the temperature sensor and the length of time up to the time the FDD activation becomes OK is determined based on a data table. The invention disclosed in this reference and the present invention both determine the length of time up to the time the activation becomes OK based on a data table and wait until the activation becomes OK. The invention disclosed in this reference does not measure the temperature of the SPM and it does not have the function of conveying information to the host.

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